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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fifth session

Draft report

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Chapter ____
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-fifth session at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 16 March 2001. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ____).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-fourth session of the Commission, Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission at its forty-fourth session were to serve as officers during the forty-fifth session. At the first meeting, on 6 March, having been informed that Misako Kaji (Japan), had resigned her post as Vice-

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Chairperson, the Commission elected Atsuko Nishimura (Japan) as Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities to replace Ms. Kaji. The Bureau therefore comprised:

Chairperson:
Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Kirsten Geelan (Denmark)
Loreto Leyton (Chile)
Mankeur Ndiaye (Senegal)
Atsuko Nishimura (Japan)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2001/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Review of mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern.
4. Thematic issues:
   (a) Women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS);
   (b) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Communications concerning the status of women.
7. Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fifth session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

6. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed: Bettina Cadenbach (Germany); Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania); Audra Plepyte (Lithuania); Mariano Simón Padrós (Argentina); and Yu Wenzhe (China). The working group held four meetings.

F. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

7. Written statements, submitted by non-governmental organizations in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1), were circulated in documents E/CN.6/2001/NGO/1-8.

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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Loreto Leyton (Chile)

Multi-year programme of work for the Commission for 2002-2006

The Commission on the Status of Women recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Proposals for a multi-year programme of work for the Commission on the Status of Women for 2002-2006

The Economic and Social Council,

1. *Adopts* a multi-year work programme for the effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action[1] and the outcome document[2] of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", which will provide a framework to assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and will be in line with the coordinated follow-up to major forthcoming United Nations conferences and summits;

2. *Decides* that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women in relation to the programme of work shall be closely related to its mandate and the relevant provisions of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.
[2] General Assembly resolution S-23/3.

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the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring their effective implementation through more practical and action-oriented initiatives and outcomes. For this effective implementation, the work of the Commission should take into account relevant cross-cutting issues, such as, inter alia, institutional capacity-building.

3. *Decides* that the agenda for the sessions of the Commission shall consist of the following:

(i) Election of officers;

(ii) Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters;

(iii) Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":

(a) Review of gender mainstreaming in entities of the United Nations system;

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;

(c) Implementation of strategic objectives and actions in the critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives;

(iv) Communications concerning the status of women;

(v) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions;

(vi) Provisional agenda for the next session of the Commission;

(vii) Adoption of the report of the Commission on its present session;

4. *Decides* on the following calendar:

2002

Item 1

Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world.

Item 2

Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective.

2003

Item 1

Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women.

Item 2

Women's human rights, and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

2004

Item 1

The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality.

Item 2

Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution, and in post-conflict peace-building.

2005

Item 1

Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.[3]

Item 2

Current challenges and forward-looking strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls.

2006

Item 1

Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and for the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work.

Item 2

Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels.

[3] Subject to decision of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2001.

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Draft decision submitted by the Chairperson of the Commission

Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

The Commission on the Status of Women, in view of paragraph 9 of the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-third special session,[1] requests that a decision for enhancing the review of the progress in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action[2] and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly should be taken in coordination with the conference reviews of other functional commissions.

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[1] General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex.

[2] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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